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PM engages youths in TN50 dialogue

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak had a dialogue last night on the National Transformation 2050 (TN50) with youths as the target group, who provided input on their aspirations for the next 30 years.

In the session at Dewan Tunku Canselor, Universiti Malaya (UM), the prime minister held engaging dialogues with youths from diverse backgrounds from all over the country.

Najib said this was the best time to chart the country's course for another 30 years, after being developed with the

New Economic Policy (NEP) for 30 years, and Vision 2020 for the same time frame.

"In the next 30 years, the country will change radically. It is high time we take a peep into the future, beginning with this discourse, so that we can build our future together," he said during his speech before the dialogue session, which was broadcast live on several local television stations beginning at 9pm.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, as well as other

Cabinet ministers and over 500 youths.

Najib said input from all youths would be gathered with other segments to be held later, including segments on women, corporate, cultural, religious scholars and academics.

"All the input will be collected under one umbrella, namely TN50. I want this new vision to come from the people, it will give (them) a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging, (so) we want to hear your views."

"A nation and a civilisation that can last long is a

civilisation rooted in knowledge, leadership and good values.

"So, to chart Malaysia's progress in 2050, it should be anchored to a vast acquisition of knowledge," he said.

Khairy was the moderator in the one-hour dialogue, which was described by Najib as very successful at the end of the function.

"During my 41 years in politics, tonight was the most nervous, because I've never addressed a live audience which was broadcast live on three television stations," said Najib. - Bernama